

Those present:

Thomas Wilson Eric Roberts Don Vonder Meulen Franklin County Auditor: Carol L. Monroe

*Thomas Wilson opens with Pledge of Allegiance

- I. Election of President and Vice President of the Board of Commissioners
 - a. Eric Roberts move to nominate Thomas Wilson
 - b. Don Vonder Meulen – seconds the motion
 - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
 - d. Thomas Wilson – nominate Eric Roberts as vice President
 - e. Don Vonder Meulen – seconds the motion
 - f. Eric Roberts – all in favor
- II. Area of Responsibility
 - a. Don Vonder Meulen – questions about Region 9 workforce dev.
 - b. Susan Jones - Louis Linkel sat on that board
 - c. Eric Roberts – move to leave appointments the same and Don (Vonder Meulen) assumes Lou’s (Linkel) appointments
 - d. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - e. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- III. Minutes (April 16, 2007)
 - a. Eric Roberts – move to accept
 - b. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- IV. 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program Eligibility
 - a. Ed Hollenbach – state put us behind the eight ball. The first portion came down and it was ten lap top computers. eight of each of fire dept., L.E.P.C., and myself. The second time was either seventeen laptops or subscribe to a worldwide web. Distribution of seventeen, I am still working on that. Will be each of the five EMS and have fire dept. who would like a second one. Law enforcement agencies want some. Will have a balance of them with no rush. The primary thing I need today is to get your signatures (in four). Bailey Wic maintenance is in there.
 - b. Don Vonder Meulen – do you see any reason for the Highway dept.?
 - c. Ed Hollenbach – yes, but I tread on thin water until I know who can or who can’t get one. There is a lot of unanswered questions at this time
 - d. Commissioners sign
- V. Katrina Trailers
 - a. Ed Hollenbach – have opportunity to receive one of the trailers from Katrina. Had to get a sponsoring fire dept. Only thing I need is a copy of their insurance. Really don’t know where we will put in. EMS IV said we could put it into the fourth bay. We will be stripping the living area and put in into an office. George Hartman could use it at a bridge site.
- VI. Stayin’ Alive Grants
 - a. Bonnie Blades – I am the chair of Stayin’ Alive and Kim Linkel is our state person and Melinda Brown is our executive director. The grants are three areas. We are giving dollars to Franklin County Sheriff for driving with intoxicated. It is about 26/27, thousand we are going to be asking you to sign off on for us. 2004 we were granted the five year grant and now have the opportunity to renew that. Just need to stress to you this is not tax payers dollars.
 - b. Don Vonder Meulen – concerned the enforcement is appropriate and fair.
 - c. Bonnie Blades – they have to follow the law. If they get busted and don’t come back, that is their fault. I had five kids grow up in Franklin County-I know. Have not had any complaints.
- VII. Staples/MJPA Information for Office Supplies
 - a. Gary Roraus – we have a program available (through the National Joint Powers Alliance) to city and town governments around the country. It was a program put together and put into a bid. The program offers on line ordering with free next day delivery. We are asking for your support to approach the offices.
 - b. Thomas Wilson – each office would have the say as to where they would order. Don’t have a problem with it.
 - c. Eric Roberts – don’t have a problem with it
 - d. Don Vonder Meulen – don’t have a problem with it-Carol (Monroe), he will work with you?
 - e. Carol L. Monroe - yes
- VIII. Health Board Appointment (Jason Brashear-filing remainder of Michael Fain’s term until December 31, 2009)
 - a. Thomas Wilson – motion to appoint Jason Brashear
 - b. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- IX. Treasurer Monthly Report (March)
 - a. Carol L. Monroe – states that we were just notified today that Treasurer did not balance for January and asked us to void a receipt even though every month she tells us we are in balance.
 - b. Thomas Wilson – motion to acknowledge
 - c. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion
 - d. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor (flip tape one)
- X. Payroll

- a. Thomas Wilson – motion to approve payroll
- b. Don Vonder Meulen – seconds the motion
- c. Eric Roberts – all in favor
- XI. Whitewater Valley Community Library Board Appointment (Hubert Branstetter)
 - a. Melody Gault – distributes information (see attached)
 - b. Eric Roberts – motion to appoint Hubert
 - c. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - d. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- XII. Public Transportation
 - a. Eric Roberts and Don Vonder Meulen give Thomas Wilson permission to sign reimbursement
- XIII. Weekly Highway Engineer Report, George Hartman
 - a. Bridge #38 / St. Mary's Road over Wolf Creek at Pumphouse Road and Wolf Creek Road intersection
 - i. 117 cubic yards combined last Tuesday by contactor
 - ii. See photo
 - iii. Getting ready to put concrete behind wing walls
 - iv. Should be able to get forms in place this week
 - b. Bridge #48 / Pipe Creek Road over Pipe Creek / Alley Ford Steel Truss Rehabilitation
 - i. See fax from Farrar, Garvey & Associates and proposal from E&H Bridge and Grating, Inc.
 - ii. Thomas Wilson – would metal grid deck increase load limit
 - iii. It should
 - iv. Thomas Wilson – what does the historical society say about this
 - v. It is going through 106 process
 - c. Phase I (2006) Bridge Inspection / Project No. Br-NB15(578)
 - i. Farrar and Garvey completed most of that (see claim voucher) \$4,480.00 and 80% (\$3584.00) is reimbursable
 - 1. Eric Roberts move for Thomas Wilson to sign LPA voucher
 - 2. Don Vonder Meulen seconds the motion
 - 3. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
 - d. Bridge #110 / Railfence Road over Salt Creek And Bridge #111 Railfence Road over Harvey Branch
 - i. See notes
 - e. 2007 INDOT/LPA Project Contract Request Information
 - i. Spoke with Brandi Fischvogt (INDOT Seymour District)
 - ii. See fax
 - iii. Bridge #94 (Blue Creek Road over Blue Creek) has a January 2008 letting
 - iv. Thomas Wilson – if we don't do something with #73 (Enochsburg Covered Bridge) it is going to fall. On iron bridge, if grid deck is approved how long will that take?
 - v. Hopefully this year.
 - f. Bridge #46 / Silver Creek Road over Pipe Creek
 - i. Underwater inspection done last September
 - ii. Scar problem undercut the foundation (see excerpt pg. four)
 - g. H.E.S. / Hazard Elimination Safety Program
 - i. Still waiting for notification from INDOT (for obligation of dollars)
 - ii. Training is estimated to be \$50.00 per person
 - iii. See fax from Stello products
 - iv. Need some means to pay for cost from the state
 - v. Thomas Wilson – you will need about \$30,000.00 set up
 - h. Small Structure
 - i. Hopefully have that completed in about a month
 - ii. 6 volumes will be identified by township
 - iii. This will be a layer on the G.I.S. map
 - i. Whitcomb Road Culvert
 - i. Eric Roberts - Hollie Sintz is going to get money out of materials
 - ii. Two-three weeks they can deliver it
 - iii. Eric Roberts – go ahead and order it
 - j. State Road 46 Road Closure
 - i. Eric Roberts – talked to a resident and they felt there was a little more traffic
 - ii. The unofficial detour routes could be followed through into Franklin County (tape two)
- XIV. Whitewater Valley Rural Electric Membership
 - a. Eric Roberts – motion to approve contingent on Gene's approval (see attached)
 - b. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- XV. Permit Fee for Town of Brookville for Dugouts at Town Ball Park
 - a. Rene' Stivers – on behalf of the town of Brookville, asking to waive permit fee of \$250.00. We have some money, labor and materials donated to start on the dugouts
 - b. Don Vonder Meulen - motion to waive permit fee (up to \$250.00)
 - c. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - d. Eric Roberts – all in favor
- XVI. Workforce Development Region 9
 - a. Rene' Stivers – workforce development is really getting into economic development. Carol (Monroe) has found it hard to make it and (I) could take it over if you don't have a problem with it
 - b. Thomas Wilson – no problem with that

- c. Susan Jones – will print certificate
- XVII. April 25, 2007 (Wednesday) – proposed zoning text
 - a. Larry Franzman – ask to put it to print
 - b. Don Vonder Meulen – if you have anything laying around that I could look through, let me know.
 - c. Larry Franzman – our office supplies are limited. We are talking several cases of papers
- XVIII. Loan \$22,728.55 (radios)
 - a. Thomas Wilson – motion to sign loan application
 - b. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- XIX. Collection agency for personal property taxes
 - a. Thomas Wilson – it is not going to cost the county, it is going to cost the taxpayers/individual
 - b. Rebecca Oglesby – last week brought in contract. Wanting to know thoughts. They collect it and give us our money. They handle everything. We may have to set up a fund for their fees. Union County uses this company and they collected about \$60,000.00. They have this big data base and can tract people through various means. Once we start this and we generate a list the 25% is added on. They get their tax statements and then they got their judgement. It is not different than an electric bill. They take credit cards where we don't. They give us our money every thirty to forty-five days. We are going back seven years (personal property).
 - c. Thomas Wilson – all of the people that are paying their taxes, it is not fair to them.
 - d. Rebecca Oglesby – it is just not right. Would like to make small change to county of jurisdiction.
 - e. Eric Roberts – feels all of it should happen here.
 - f. Don Vonder Meulen – motion to sign agreement as corrected
 - g. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion
 - h. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- XX. Courthouse Renovation
 - a. Eric Roberts – two proposals for renovation of prosecutor and clerk
 - i. A&E
 - 1. Base = \$25,640.00
 - 2. Alt No. 1 = add \$875.00 (skim coat)
 - ii. Fohl Construction Co.
 - 1. Base = \$36,000.00
 - 2. room #102 (drywall over paneling; install oak trim & base = \$4,820.00
 - Recommend we go with A&E construction
 - iii. it is up to us to do painting and patching/carpeting
 - iv. very little electrical
 - b. Thomas Wilson – this is not going to be paid out of the bond
 - c. Eric Roberts – this will be paid out of cum. Cap.
 - d. Thomas Wilson – seconds the recommendation
 - e. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
 - f. Eric Roberts – prosecutor moved by July 1. (flip tape 2)
- XXI. Cell Tower
 - a. Eric Roberts – they want us to provide a list of cell towers and if they call back tell them our offices are open 8:30 to 4:00 every day.
- XXII. Courthouse Renovation
 - a. Eric Roberts – move to advertise
 - b. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- XXIII. Adjourn
 - a. Eric Roberts motion to adjourn
 - b. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary
 G. Ball
 Kim Linkel
 John Graf
 Brent Roberts

George Hartman, County Engineer
 John Estridge, Whitewater Publications
 Melody Gault, Whitewater Library
 Larry Franzman, Area Plan Director
 Jerry Narnishfegor

Mike Selke, News Examiner
 Melinda Brown
 Bonnie Blades
 J. Rene Stivers

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